

CLAIMS

1. Gelling and/or thickening agent characterized in that it is formed from a combination of at least three constituents: a polyacrylamide and ammonium acrylate copolymer and/or an anionic acrylic copolymer, phospholipids of plant origin, and a polyglyceryl acylate.
2. Gelling and/or thickening agent according to claim 1, characterized in that it contains a copolymer concentration ranging from 20 to 50% of the total weight of the agent, a phospholipid concentration ranging from 6 to 40% and a polyglyceryl acylate concentration ranging from 5 to 40%.
3. Gelling and/or thickening agent according to claim 1 or 2, in which the copolymer is present at a concentration ranging from 50 to 80% in a dilute form in a hydrogenated polyisobutene containing from 40% to 60% of active material.
4. Gelling and/or thickening agent according to one of the preceding claims, in which the phospholipids are in the form of lecithins which are present in a concentration ranging from 10% to 40% of the total weight of the agent.
5. Gelling and/or thickening agent according to claim 4 in which the lecithins contain less than 40% oil and more than 60% phospholipids.
6. Gelling and/or thickening agent according to one of the preceding claims, in which the acrylic copolymer is a sodium acrylate / acryloyldimethyl taurate copolymer.
7. Gelling and/or thickening agent according to one of the preceding claims, in which the polyglyceryl acylate is a stearate, a distearate or a linoleate.
8. Gelling and/or thickening agent according to claim 7, in which the polyglyceryl acylate is a polyglyceryl-10 stearate.
9. Gelling and/or thickening agent according to one of the preceding claims, constituted by the three constituents: polyacrylamide and/or ammonium acrylate copolymer or

anionic acrylic copolymers, phospholipids of plant origin and polyglyceryl acylate, these three constituents completing the agent to 100% by weight.

- 5 10. Aqueous, fluid or gelled composition, intended to be applied to the skin, mucous membranes or teguments, characterized in that it contains, as active ingredient, at least one gelling and/or thickening agent according to one of the preceding claims, in combination or in a mixture with one or more excipients or vehicles appropriate for cosmetic or dermatological use.
- 10 11. Cosmetic or dermatological composition according to claim 10, characterized in that it is produced in the form of an oil-in-water emulsion, with or without additional emulsifying agent, said gelling and/or thickening agent, in the form of a gel, being incorporated into the oil phase or into the aqueous phase of said compositions.
- 15 12. Cosmetic or dermatological composition according to one of claims 10 and 11 in which the average size of the particles in emulsion ranges from 1 to 11 μm .
- 20 13. Cosmetic or dermatological composition according to one of claims 10 to 12, in which the gelling and/or thickening agent is present in a concentration ranging from 0.05 to 10% of the total weight of the composition.
14. Cosmetic or dermatological composition according to one of claims 10 to 13, in which the gelling and/or thickening agent is present in a concentration ranging from 0.2 to 4%.
- 25 15. Cosmetic or dermatological composition according to one of claims 10 to 14, in which the vehicle is water or an aqueous vehicle, in a proportion ranging between 20 and 70%.
- 30 16. Use of the gelling and/or thickening agent according to one of claims 1 to ~~15~~ 9, as stabilizing and/or thickening agent in an emulsion with a cosmetic or dermatological character.
17. Use of the gelling and/or thickening agent according to one of claims 1 to 9, in a quantity ranging from 0.2 to 10% in an emulsion with a cosmetic or industrial character.

18. Use of the gelling and/or thickening agent according to one of claims 1 to 9 for the production of a composition according to one of claims 10 to 15.
- 5 19. Process for producing an oil-in-water emulsion consisting of incorporating in the oil phase the gelling and/or thickening agent according to one of claims 1 to 9, and adding an aqueous phase to the latter.